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## MEDIA

Press release issued: FIFRA settlement with Mid Valley Agricultural Services, Inc., over misbranded and improperly stored agricultural pesticides: U.S. EPA requires San Joaquin Valley ag company to safely manage pesticides (Soledad Calvino)

**Press release issued: EPA awards \$1.34 million to Arizona** to reduce hazardous waste in Arizona and along U.S.-Mexico Border:

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-awards-134-million-arizona-reduce-hazardous-waste-arizona-and-along-us-mexico-0 (margor-Perez-Sullivan

**AZ Daily Star:** reporter Curt Prendergast has questions on maquiladoras along the border, working with border team to identify appropriate source: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) LND

**San Francisco Magazine:** Reporter Chris Roberts is working on a story about Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Dan Hirsch's presentation about cleanup standards at the site. Provided a written response; he has sent additional questions with an early October deadline. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

San Francisco Bay View: Reporter John Shutt is writing a follow-up story to an <u>initial piece</u> about EPA's letter to the Navy regarding Tetra Tech. Provided a written response for his questions about EPA's July meeting with the Navy and various Tetra Tech investigations. SF (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**KPIX/CBS (SF)** – Reporter Da Lin had questions about the San Pablo Bay oil spill and Clean Air Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act violations by Phillips 66 refinery. Referred him to Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Dept. of Toxic Substances Control for specifics on the violations. ENF/ORC (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**Reuters:** Reporter David Bailey contacted us with questions about the recently announced partial summary judgment involving the Lava Cap Mine. Referred him to US Dept of Justice. SF/ORC (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**NBC LA**: investigative reporter Joel Grover was looking for information on EPA's conclusions for our testing at Santa Susana. Also wanted to know if we have done any recent testing at the site. SFUND. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

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## Social Media:

Pollution Prevention (P2) - Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about P2 Week and linked to our <u>TRI P2 Search Tool</u> page.

## **CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL**

**Hawaii State Senator Cynthia Thielen –** Staffer Jennifer Barra was looking for an updated timeline of work on the Red Hill AOC SOW. The Red Hill Team updated their existing SOW tracking document, and this was provided to the State Senator's staffer. CLOSED

**Rep. Tulsi Gabbard** – Have a tentative date/time (Sept. 29 at 3:30 pm EDT) for call with staffer Dave Chun to discuss some of the recommendations made by Chemical Safety Board in response to the explosion that happened in 2011 at the Donaldson Enterprises Fireworks Disassembly operation on Oahu. Working to confirm with LAND and HQ to get the right folks on the call to discuss. – OPEN, Dean Higuchi

Conference Call Arrangements with Staff Representatives for Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, CA Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis: Brent Maier has reached out to staff in each of these office in follow up to a recent request from CA Assembly Speaker staffer Marie Liu who requested an update on planned cleanup activities by our Superfund Division at the Fruitland Magnesium (Panda International) Site in Maywood following a fire at the facility. Ms. Liu requested that we include the offices of Supervisor Solis and Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard when we set up this call. Brent has offered up a conference call for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 4:00pm for a call with staff-level representatives from each of these offices to provide them with information regarding upcoming planned cleanup activities by EPA at this site. Awaiting final confirmation from each office as to their availability to have a representative participate.

Status of Continuing Resolution (CR) to Fund Federal Government: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) today filed a continuing resolution to fund the government through early December, providing \$1.1 billion in Zika funds and \$500 million in disaster money for Louisiana and other states. But the measure McConnell filed to prepare for votes the week of September 26<sup>th</sup> carries policy riders opposed by the Democrats and the White House, and offers no assistance for Flint, Mich., to address drinking water contamination. McConnell undertook procedural moves to prevent any amendments amid warnings that President Barack Obama will veto the measure if passed. Lawmakers will have four days to consider the new stopgap before the measure is put to a vote. Link to the <a href="mailto:bill.">bill.</a>. The panel also issued a summary of the bill, available <a href="mailto:here.">here.</a> – E&E News PM

Congressional Outreach on Enforcement Action with San Joaquin Valley Ag Company: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representatives Jeff Denham and Jim Costa regarding EPA's settlement with Mid Valley Agricultural Services, Inc., over misbranded and improperly stored agricultural pesticides. The chemical and fertilizer retailer has agreed to pay \$76,240 in civil penalties and is now in compliance with the law.

Congressional Outreach on EPA Awarding \$1.34 million to Arizona to Reduce Hazardous Waste in Arizona and along U.S.-Mexico Border: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Jeff Flake and John McCain and Representatives Raul Grijalva and Martha McSally regarding EPA awarding \$1.34 million to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to support hazardous waste reduction and environmental cleanup activities in Arizona, including activities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Congressional Outreach on Animas River Discoloration and Bonita Peak Monthly Update: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff in the offices whose States/Districts include the Navajo Nation in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah regarding a notification sent out by Region's 6 and 8 regarding observed discoloration in the Animas River near Silverton as well as a the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD) Monthly Update for September & October

**EPA HQ Meeting with Claremont, California Local Officials:** EPA HQ met today with Claremont Mayor Sam Pedroza and City Manager Tony Ramos to discuss the MS4 permitting process and related concerns. The Office of Wastewater

Management – Permits Division, Office of General Counsel, and Region IX's David W. Smith and Brent Maier joined OIR for the meeting. The local officials shared their perspective on the county's MS4 permitting process, the NPDES "remand" rulemaking, and the practical costs associated with permitting for smaller municipalities. They were interested in EPA's thoughts and dialogue around their concerns.

House Action on H.R. 3438: Yesterday, the House passed legislation yesterday to stop major regulations from going into effect if they are subject to legal challenges. The chamber approved Pennsylvania Republican Rep. Tom Marino's <u>H.R.</u> 3438, the "Require Evaluation Before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act," or REVIEW Act, on a 244-180 vote. It would prohibit major rules — those costing the economy \$1 billion or more per year — from moving forward if individuals or groups challenge them in court within 60 days of an agency's issuing them.

## **Legislative Action:**

**September 20, 2016 – Introduced -** <u>H.R. 6081: To provide for a land conveyance in the State of Nevada.</u> Sponsor: <u>Rep. Cresent Hardy [R-NV4]</u>. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration.

**September 21, 2016 -** H.R. 5982: Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016. This bill's text for status *Reported by House Committee* is now available.

**Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:** 

Monday, September 26, 2016 – HQ Meeting with Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA): The Mayor is meeting to provide an update on San Diego's Pure Water Initiative that includes a proposed long-term solution to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Equivalency Issue. Mayor Faulconer last met on these issues with headquarters (and Region IX by telephone) in February 2015. The mayor also met in 2014 with EPA to seek administrative flexibility to enable the city to implement its plan without future need for modified NPDES permits. HQ Office of Water and Region IX will be participating in this HQ meeting.

Thursday, September 29, 2016 – HQ Meeting with California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Fellow Assembly Members: OCIR's Intergovernmental Liaison, Becky Cook-Shyovitz provided a heads up that they have received a request from California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. The Speaker will be in DC next week and requested a meeting with EPA on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 – 4pm ET to talk about water issues and climate change. Specifically: AB 32, water quality issues, LA river storm water, and ground water quality. He also brokered the 2014 \$7.545B water bond and has been involved in drought discussions, so those will likely come up too. The Speaker will be joined by 3 of his colleagues from the Democratic Caucus: Asm. Cristina Garcia, Asm. Shirley Weber, and Asm. McCarty. The Speaker met previously with Joe Goffman at HQ in April, along with R9 air staff on the phone. That meeting mostly focused on climate change, AB 32, and RECLAIM. Becky will be confirming HQ participants and will keep Region IX apprised as the meeting is finalized so that Region IX can have the right mix of staff/managers participate in this meeting via teleconference. Brent Maier has sent out a request to our Air and Water Divisions to identify staff/managers who are able to participate in this upcoming meeting via teleconference.